



# January 2008 Newsletter

## IAA Legislative Update

### The 2008 Legislative Session Has Begun!

January 25th marks the final day of the second week of the 2008 Iowa General Assembly. With all of the House seats and a number of Senate seats up for re-election in November, session work is already moving at a quick pace. The first week of the legislative session was primarily devoted to organizational committee meetings and the Governor's Condition of the State and the Chief Justice's State of the Judiciary. Governor Culver's budget recommendation includes \$1 million for grants for before and afterschool programs. This is the same amount of grant funding that was available in 2007, and the IAA hopes to secure more funding in 2008 to reflect the demonstrated need – requests for funding in 2007 totaled over \$4 million.

### Your Voice is Needed

Legislators can only understand the benefits of afterschool programs in your community if you tell them about it. Contact your legislators and tell them that afterschool programs are essential to keeping kids safe, helping working families, and improving academic achievement. Thank them for their support of afterschool funding and ask them to increase funding for the grants. To find your legislator and their contact information, go to the [Iowa General Assembly website](#). To contact your Representative, call (515) 281-3221. To contact your Senator, call (515) 281-3371.

### The Iowa General Assembly – A Guide to the Committees

Most of the work of the Legislature is done through committees. There are standing committees in each chamber that authorize legislation related to their specific area. The Appropriations Subcommittees approve legislation and funding. The key education committees and their memberships are listed below. For more information about all of the committees, visit the [Iowa General Assembly website](#).

#### Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee

##### Senate Members:

**Frank Wood** (D, District 42), Chair

**Wally E. Horn** (D, District 17), Vice Chair

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**Nancy J. Boettger** (R, District 29), Ranking Member

**Herman C. Quirmbach** (D, District 23)

**Mark Zieman** (R, District 8)

House Members:

**Cindy Winckler** (D, District 86), Chair

**Andrew Wenthe** (D, District 18), Vice Chair

**Royd Chambers** (R, District 5), Ranking Member

**Carmine Boal** (R, District 70)

**Mark Davitt** (D, District 74)

**Cecil Dolecheck** (R, District 96)

**Marcella Frevert** (D, District 7)

**Mary Mascher** (D, District 77)

**Mike May** (R, District 6)

### **Senate Standing Education Committee**

**Brian Schoenjahn** (D, District 12), Chair

**Staci Appel** (D, District 37), Vice Chair

**Dave Mulder** (R, District 2), Ranking Member

**Daryl Beall** (D, District 25)

**Nancy J. Boettger** (R, District 29)

**Michael Connolly** (D, District 14)

**Bill Heckroth** (D, District 9)

**David Johnson** (R, District 3)

**Keith A. Kreiman** (D, District 47)

**Paul McKinley** (R, District 36)

**Herman C. Quirmbach** (D, District 23)

**Becky Schmitz** (D, District 45)

**Frank Wood** (D, District 42)

**Brad Zaun** (R, District 32)

**Mark Zieman** (R, District 8)

### **House Standing Education Committee**

**Roger Wendt** (D, District 2), Chair

**Mary Mascher** (D, District 77), Vice Chair

**Mike May** (R, District 6), Ranking Member

**Ako Abdul-Samad** (D, District 66)

**Carmine Boal** (R, District 70)

**Polly Bukta** (D, District 26)

**Royd Chambers** (R, District 5)

**Dennis Cohoon** (D, District 88)

**Cecil Dolecheck** (R, District 96)

**Ro Foege** (D, District 29)

**Greg Forristall** (R, District 98)

**Elesha Gayman** (D, District 84)

**Lisa Heddens** (D, District 46)

**Jeff Kaufmann** (R, District 79)

**Doris Kelley** (D, District 20)

**Linda Miller** (R, District 82)

**Eric Palmer** (D, District 75)

**J. Scott Raecker** (R, District 63)

**Art Staed** (D, District 37)

**Jodi Tymeson** (R, District 73)

**Tami Wiencek** (R, District 21)

**Cindy Winckler** (D, District 86)

**Philip L. Wise** (D, District 92)

### **Federal Appropriation to 21st Century Community Learning Centers Increased by \$100 million.**

On December 26th, President Bush signed a spending bill that provides a \$100 million increase in funds for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLCs). This will bring total funding for 21st CCLCs to an all-time high of \$1.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2008.

Iowa funding will increase from \$4,969,860 to \$5,476,308, bringing total number of students served in Iowa to 5,476.

For a complete state-by-state breakdown of the appropriation increase, visit the [\*\*national Afterschool Alliance website\*\*](#).

## **Blueprint Forums in Fort Dodge and Des Moines Collect Valuable Stakeholder Input**

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance co-hosted two Blueprint Forums in the past two weeks. The first Blueprint Forum on January 17 was co-hosted by the BLAST program in Fort Dodge. The following week on January 24, Sisters on Target co-hosted the Des Moines Blueprint Forum.

Both Forums garnered significant community input from local stakeholders. Together with input gathered at two previous Forums in Council Bluffs and Cedar Rapids, this information will directly inform the Iowa Afterschool Alliance's Blueprint for Afterschool, a document intended to serve as a 'roadmap' for the future of afterschool in Iowa.

For media coverage of the Fort Dodge Blueprint Forum, please visit [the website of The Fort Dodge Messenger](#).

For media coverage of the Des Moines Blueprint Forum, visit [the website of The Des Moines Register](#).

For additional information please contact Brooke Findley at [bfindley@sppg.com](mailto:bfindley@sppg.com), or (515) 243-2000.

## **Funding Toolkit for Afterschool Providers**

The Afterschool Alliance offers a number of resources related to funding afterschool programs. Available on [The Afterschool Alliance website](#) are various resources, including the following:

- **Building Sustainability** - Tools that have proven results in helping programs find new funding sources
- **Database of Funding Sources** - Searchable by agency, locality or activity
- **Success Stories** - Learn from your peers on how they leveraged child care dollars and personal connections to develop sustainable funding streams
- **Funding Forum** - Q&A with funding experts
- **Fundraising through Sponsorships**

## **Upcoming Trainings and Workshops**

### **Beat the Winter Blues**

#### **School Age Miniseries**

**Hosted by ISACA, Sponsored by CCR&R and DHS**

**Saturday, February 16, 2008**

8:30-11:45am - Speaker, Keri Wilken,

**"Trauma and Attachment in School Age Children"**

Pre-registration required. Registration is free. To register, contact Leslie Glenn at (515) 460-8855 or [leslieglenn@msn.com](mailto:leslieglenn@msn.com)

### **Part 1: The Big Picture**

Develop a greater understanding of trauma and loss, including the "traumatized brain" and Kubler-Ross' stages of grief, as well as potential symptoms exhibited in children who have experienced trauma.

### **Part 2: In the Trenches**

Utilizing the information provided in Part 1, further exploration of attachment problems, including caregiver reactions, will be explored. Learn ways to adapt your curriculum, environment, and interactions to meet and cope with the unique needs of children in your care who have experienced trauma and loss.

- \* Three hours of training will be awarded via certificate at the close of the conference. A light snack will be offered at morning break.